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## BROUSSARD OF LOUISIANA GIVES VITAL FACTS IN R. R. RATE FIGHT

dustry to Greed of the Sugar carriers for some shippers. These | Four distinct eruptions have ap-Refining Trust

to increase their freight rates 5 per to the railroads." cent, I desire to submit the following

The rate to ... iengo, the great jobfrom Louisiana points and from the ed to be approximately equal.

However, these same eastern railroads now asking for permission to raise the freigh, rates to be assessed egainst small shipper: 5 per cent have allowed the gigantic Seabcard Sugar Refining Combine to so batten upon their revenues that trust refined sugar is being hauled from the Atlantic coast to the dis ributing centers of the Middle West at a loss approximately 60 per cent of the published rate.

The cutput of the trust controlled refineries for some years past has been in round numbers some 2,000,000

Congress, entitled "Rates on Sugar." In that controversy between the

representatives of the eastern and western railroads regarding freight rates to Chicago, it was brought out that the published rates on sugar "are far from being net to the rail carriers, because of absorptions and shrinkages from storage and other things." (See

Mr. Paul P. Hastings of the Santa 'e, in describing the practises of the

warehouses to hold the business that against the Trust. comes to them they have secured othmonth per bag of 100 pounds. Hence, isiana producers.

cents. There is a 'second delivery' ab. sugar. sorption within six months that furhe would be out of pocket if they were hands of the eastern railroads. not in the tariffs. . . It is obvious I wish to make it plain that the branch refinery which the Sugar him and assists him to do business Orleans to Chicago. against his California competitor, hav-;

To summarize the above: Literage ...... 41/2 Rate from New York ......23

Absorptions shown above .... 131/2 Amt, rate remaining to Rys. 91/2 amount they are supposed to charge ly unprofitable.

for hauling this sugar wish to call your attention to the continue it if they care to. statement issued by Hon Louis D practises he said:



Opposed to Sacrificing In- free services performed by Eastern reaching Honolulu.

free services are or many kinds. eletter from Senster-elect Robert to at their own expense. This is one of fourth a mass of motten lava has been To the Honorable the Interstate Come much lower than less-than-carford base of the crater and seeking an outpierce Commission. Washington, rates. Shippers of freight are ordinar- let through the vim of the mountain. illy entitled to only two dass free use | With the first outbreak of fire noted

That this is in no sense an academic ing. reaching the adment that evening. facts which are of vital importance discussion of these practises of the From four among a number of cones at the present time to the state of eastern railroads is evidenced by the a tall column of fire cast a bur'd re-Louisiana and to the farmers who pro. serious situation that has suddenly flection upon the sky, which was visduce cane sugar in that s ate and in confronted the people of my state ible off the coast of Maui, and awakwithin the past few days as a result of the present method or districting of Kau district on Hawaii. bing center of the nation, on sigar the Trust output of refined sugar.

Sugar cane is the principal crop. Atlantic seabcard refineries is suppos. of Louisiana, which is essentially an road rebating, blacklisting, violating display, it is reported of the Anti-Trust laws and other practitises which caused the Unite! States from Prof. Jaggar stated that the out

roads, the revenue would go a long differential supposedly representing the federal station at Hilo. way towards relieving the financial the freight from New Orleans to New | Passengers in the Inter-Island product at prices ranging from 15 to 50 points below the actual New York parity, and on an average, a quarter

> After groating under this burden for a quarter of a century, the general assembly of Louisiana, at its last session, provided the means which fectively with the Trust.

Some ten days ago Governor Hall, of the last eruption in 1907. eastern roads in handling refined su- Sugar Refining Company to desist lieved to have met with comparatively elect from Mani, was filed at the ter-to serve under \$20,000 bond. gar out of New York, testified: (Page from its violation of the Anti-Trust laws, particularly from deducting the The iterage at New York amounts fictitious freight rate between New to 4 1-2 cents . . . storage is un- Orleans and New York when settling limited, and we are told in Chicago with the Louisiana sugar producers, that when the lake and rail lines have instructed the district attorney at New not sufficient storage room in their Orleans to institute proceedings

The arrogant reply of the Trust to er warehouse space and used it as the demand of the governor and the their own, which, of course, they would general assembly of Louisiana that it have a right to do under their tariff. desist from its illegal and dishonest I am told that the going charge practises has been to close its Louisfor storing sugar in that territory jana plant, the largest in the world, on would be 1 1-2 cen's for the first the eve of the sugar grinding season. month and 1 cent for each succeeding This will seriously embarrass the Lou-

if we assume a six-months' storage. In the disingenatous explanation of we have a charge of 61/2 cents per 100 lits conduct the Trust claims it wishes pounds. . . . This added to the 4 to dispose of the immense stock it has and a fraction cents for the literage stored in different parts of the councuts the 23-cent rate a little over 10 try before refining any more raw

The trade conditions which it prether reduces the rate 21/2 cents per tends to be auxigue to straighten out 100 pounds. . . These absorptions, before proceeding to work up the such as storage accrue directly to the Louisiana crop are due to the prefer advantage of the sugar shipper and ential treatment it has received at the

if you pay this money out that it re- branch remery with at New Orduces your rate. It is also obvious Trust has maintained at New Orthat if the money paid out in such a leans and which has been its princiway as storege or store delivery acway as storege or store delivery ac-crues directly to the benefit of the enjoying these concessions from the sugar shippers, that it does benefit railroads on sugar shipped from New

I wish to make it plain that I have ing in mind such terminal allowances, no concern with the efforts of the etc., as are a direct benefit to the eastern railroads to better their financial condition. But the people of Louisiana are opposed to having their leading industry sacrificed to the greed of the Sugar Refining Trust because these same eastern railroads do not see fit to make that great corporation pay its equitable share of the freight charges that are necessary to maintain them.

They have been willing parties to the practise of absorbing lighterage The absorptions amount to 58.6 per and other charges which makes the cent of the published rate and the handling of the refined sugar business carriers receive 41.4 per cent of the under existing conditions scandalous-

The courts have held that this prac-In connection with this exhibit I tise is 'legal and the railroads can

But we object to this continuance, Brandeis, counsel of the Commission, if when the echoes of the controversy on March 28 last. Concerning these have died out they come into court and ask that the deficit occasioned to "At the hearings held February 12, their revenues thereby be made up in other ways. The very existence of the domestic sugar producers of Louisiana and other States is imperilled as long as these practises are continued.

Trusting that you will consider these facts in passing upon the pending application of the eastern railroads affected, I am,

Very respectfully. R. F. BROUSSARD.

#### WHAT THE MIDGET SAYS ABOUT THE WAR "NEWS"

The Kohala Midget says: "As usual the wireless from the war has been a jumble of contradictions, London and Petrograd pitte against Vienna, Berlin and Consul Rodiek. A reader must be the son of a prophet to make anything of it. otherwise he tears his hair and waits until he gets digested war news from Eastern periodicals as to the two great battle lines. Both sides agree it is

wet in Flanders. "God only knows what is the truth, , and he isn't telling."

QUARTET OF FIERY PILLARS DRAWING CROWDS OVER TO KAU

Four fiery pillars resting upon the summit of Mauna Loa, brilliantly outined against the sky, make a remark-Says People of Louisiana Are 13 and 14 a general survey was pre- dreds of visitors to Kau district on the sented of certain special or so-called island of Hawaii, according to reports

peared within the large crater at Mo-Ship; ers of freight by the carload knaweoweo, three emitting fire and must ordinarily load and unload cars volumes of smoke, while from the! the reasons why carload tetes are so flowing for 56 hours, now filling the

Gentlement in connection with the of cars at destinations. For some at the crest of roow-capped Mauna application of the eastern ratiroads reason some ratiroads have made ex- Loa, Professor Thos. A. Jaggar, obnow pending before your honerable ceptions at some places to these rules. server at the station at the Volcano body, that they be allowed authority and the exceptions are very expensive. House, arranged for an ascent to the peak. He left Kilanea Thursday morn-

ened unusual interest among residents

Because of heavy clouds hovering along the slopes of the mountains Hilo agricultural state. By reason of rail-1 was out of range of the wonderful

A message received at Kawaihae attorney-general of the last adminis- break was of an intermittent nature. tration to denounce it as guilty of large volumes of smoke arise from long continued and unparalleled de the craters, being followed by a brief pravity, the Trust years ago effectu- period of inactivity. A large quantity ally drove out all competitive pur- of lava has already reached the floor chasers of the Louisiana sugar crop. | of the main erater. It is predicted The Trust acquired control of the that should molten lava issue from Louisiana territory about 1890. It at the vents now displaying activity, an once inaugurated a campaign that de- outlet may be forced on the Kau of stroyed the market for plantation Kona side of Mauna Loa. At the crasugars and having done that it in ter side there is every indication that turn began to prey upon and pillage 'the activity will continue for some tons-rather over than under that fig- the farmers who had produced that weeks. The fire was first noted by sugar. It compelled them to agree to observers last Wednesday evening. If this enormous tonnage was han- sell their sugar at a fixed number of Preceding the outbreak 36 distinct dled at a profit by the eastern rail- points below the New York price, the earthquake shocks were registered at

distress of which they now complain. York, although none of the sugar was steamer Mauna Kea, an arrival at Ho-In this connection I wish to call ever shipped to New York. At the nobilu Saturday, were treated to your attention to the testimany taken New York end the Trust systemati- a rare spectacle while the vessel rode before your honorable body at Wash- cally conducted dishonest "wash at anchor off Kawaihae. Residents ington, D. "., on May 8 last, and pub. sales" of sugar upon which settle- of that district spent much time in lished in Senate Document No. 493, 63d ment was made for the Louisiana watching the rise and fall of the several columns of fire, while the coloring thrown across the heavens is declar-

declare that lava has not yet appear. to be several thousand feet below a ed on the side of Mauna Loa. The point where an outpouring of lava would enable the governor to deal ef. flow has been confined to the walls might be expected. of the old crater, raised at the time



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